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TAGS: PARM, CCD, SW, UR, US

SUBJECT: CCD: SWEDEN URGES US TO MAINTAIN MULTILATERAL

APPROACH TO ENMOD TREATY

FOR SONNENFELDT

REFS: (A) GENEVA 5978; (B) GENEVA 5979; (C) STATE 167944;

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1. SWEDISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR ECKERBERG CALLED ON ACDA

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OFFICERS JULY 28 AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS US POSTURE IN

CCD ON ENMOD MATTERS. ACCORDING TO ECKERBERG, HIS INSTRUCTIONS CENTERED ON QUESTIONS ABOUT US PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT WEEK'S EXPERTS MEETING. IT BECAME EVIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT MAJOR SWEDISH CONCERN WAS OVERALL US APPROACH TO ENMOD TREATY QUESTION, ESPECIALLY WHETHER US AND SOVIETS MIGHT BE SWITCHING TO BILATERAL MODE WHICH, ECKERBERG CAUTIONED, MANY COUNTRIES WOULD RESENT.

2. ALLUDING TO RECENT NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON TREATY, ECKERBERG MAINTAINED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY UNDESIRABLE FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV TO SIGN TREATY TEXT AT CSCE SUMMIT, THEN FOR TWO COUNTRIES TO PRESENT TEXT TO OTHERS, AT CCD OR ELSEWHERE (E.G., UNGA), ON "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" BASIS. ON OTHER HAND, STRESSING WHAT SWEDES PERCEIVED AS WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN ENMOD, ECKERBERG SAID THAT CONTINUATION OF

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TREATY ON MULTILATERAL BASIS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME AND SPECIFICALLY THAT CCD SHOULD HAVE HAND IN WORKING TEXT OUT.

3. ACDA OFFICERS RESPONDED WITH ACCOUNT ALONG LINES OF THAT CONVEYED EARLIER TO ALLIES, BUT LESS EXPLICIT, REGARDING STATUS OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS. POINTING OUT THAT NEWS REPORTS HAD OVERSTATED EXTENT OF AGREEMENT ACHIEVED AT JUNE BILATERALS, THEY CHARACTERIZED RESULTS OF THOSE TALKS AS SUBSTANTIAL ACCOMMODATION OF RESPECTIVE APPROACHES IN PROCESS OF TRANSLATING PRINCIPLES INTO A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. ECKERBERG ASKED WHETHER THIS PROCESS MIGHT BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO PERMIT TABLING OF US-SOVIET JOINT DRAFT DURING WEEK OF CCD EXPERTS MEETINGS; ACDA OFFICERS REPLIED THAT THIS WAS UNLIKELY.

4. ECKERBERG SOUGHT TO PROBE FURTHER ABOUT AREAS OF SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT AT BILATERALS. HE ASKED WHETHER US HAD TRIED IN THE TALKS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CLIMATE AND WEATHER MODIFICATION. ACDA OFFICER REPLIED THAT US HAD NOT TRIED TO DEVELOP DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO ADDING THAT NO CLEARCUT DISTINCTION WAS POSSIBLE FROM A TECHNICAL

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STANDPOINT.

5. ECKERBERG THEN TURNED TO QUESTIONS REGARDING EXPERTS MEETING. HE NOTED SWEDISH INTEREST IN HAVING UNEP REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATE AND ASKED ABOUT US VIEWS. ACDA OFFICERS REPLIED PER REF (C), ADDING THAT WE UNDERSTOOD QUESTION MIGHT ALSO ARISE REGARDING WMO PARTICIPATION, WHICH WE WOULD FAVOR ON SAME BASIS AS UNEP. ECKERBERG IN-

DICATED THAT SWEDEN WOULD SEND TWO EXPERTS, ULF ERICSSON AND LARS-ERIK TAMMELIN, TO MEETING (TAMMELIN WAS ALSO ONE OF SWEDISH EXPERTS AT CCD EXPERTS MEETING ON CW LAST YEAR). IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ABOUT US CONTINGENT, ACDA OFFICERS NAMED ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR AGENCIES, POINTING OUT THAT WE EXPECTED BOTH TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL-LEGAL ASPECTS TO BE COVERED. THEY ALSO FORECAST IN GENERAL TERMS PROJECTED US PRESENTATION, INCLUDING WORKING PAPER ON STATE-OF-THE-ART AND PERHAPS ORAL DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL-LEGAL ISSUES. WE BELIEVED THE FORMER WAS CALLED FOR IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF QUERIES AS TO "REALITY" OF CERTAIN POSTULATED ENMOD APPLICATIONS; REGARDING THE LATTER, WE HAD IN MIND ADDRESSING AT LEAST SOME OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE CCD SPRING SESSION, ESPECIALLY BY THE UK REPRESENTATIVE. IN GENERAL, WE WANTED THE EXPERTS MEETING TO BE A USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE ENTERPRISE AND WERE ORGANIZING OUR PARTICIPATION IN THAT SPIRIT.

6. ECKERBERG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS APPROACH. HE CLOSED CONVERSATION BY REVERTING TO ENMOD TREATY. ACCORDING TO ECKERBERG SWEDISH CCD REP THORSSON TOOK KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER WHICH INVOLVED TWO OF HER PRINCIPAL FIELDS OF CONCERN: ENVIRONMENT AND ARMS CONTROL. SWEDES, ECKERBERG CONCLUDED, GENUINELY HOPED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH US ON TREATY REGARDING WHICH, HE ASSERTED, TWO COUNTRIES' SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS WERE QUITE CLOSE.

7. FOR GENEVA: US CCD DEL MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE IN CONSULTING WITH SWEDISH DEL RE EXPERTS MEETING. INGERSOLL

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